



The Columbine

Fort Carson Officers' Spouses' Club

March 2007

This is...Jeopardy!

A Colorado Trivia Game, OSC Style

March 21st, 6-8:30pm

At the Elkhorn Conference Center

We'll have great prizes for the top 6 trivia winners.

**Prizes include Polish pottery
as well as other fantastic items.**

**Dinner includes choice of Filet of Chicken Mesquite
or BBQ Beef Brisket, both served with Garden Salad,
Tomato Florentine Soup, Green Beans, Baked
Potato, Rolls, Coffee and Tea,
and Cheesecake for dessert.**

Cost: \$15.00

**RSVP to Allison Fuller at 359-6546 or at
fc_osc@yahoo.com by *March 14th***

“Steph’s Stuff”

March Greetings!

As the OSC year progresses, it seems like each day is crazier than the one before. But, all the craziness will culminate on March 17 at Casino Night. I’m telling you, your relentless 1VP, Kate Beckage, is like the Energizer Bunny! I’ve never seen anyone so motivated and committed to a cause as she has been with Casino Night. I can’t wait to see how her hard work and that of the committee chairs, the board, and all of our wonderful volunteers culminates on that evening. It’s sure to be a fantastic time, so make sure to join us, and bring lots of friends!

It’s hard to believe that March is here already. Seems like just yesterday it was May and the board and I were being installed. It’s been a great experience, and I wouldn’t trade it for anything. The friendships I’ve made as I’ve worked with this wonderful group are priceless. I sincerely encourage you to consider being a member of the board next year. It’s an opportunity not only to serve a wonderful Army Community, but also an opportunity to learn so much about yourself and others and to have a great time in the process.

I hope you’re all doing well. See you at Casino Night!!

Stephanie Sharp
President

“Kate’s Kuips”

Well Everyone,

We’re in the home stretch now, and I can almost see the finish line!!! Casino Night is almost upon us. In about two weeks, nine months worth of work will be on display for the entire Colorado Springs community to see, and I have to say – they should really be happy with the results.

There is still much to do. Each day brings more challenges than I could ever imagine, but I am pleased to say that I am a part of this tradition on Fort Carson. It is an honor to make this event a reality, and know that without the help of so many others, this would not be possible. From the committee chairs, to the advisors and board members of OSC, it is a team effort.

I cannot forget to mention how generous the Fort Carson community is. The donations we have received have been copious. For example, La-Z Boy donated matching brown leather reclining sofa and love seat for the Silent Auction. Furthermore, we could not raise money without the financial support of local businesses. I am so grateful to have met wonderful individuals like Mike Pfalmer, Tom Allee, Nick O’Sullivan, Nick Panunzio, and Patsy Macaluso who have sponsored our event. It is overwhelming to think that so many people support our soldiers and families, and I know it is well deserved.

I don’t want to bore you to death, but I just want you to come and celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with us at Casino Night. If you would still like to volunteer or purchase tickets, please email me at beckmaka@msn.com or call me at 559-7470. The more the merrier!

See you on March 17th!!!

Kate Beckage
1 VP



Wow, we collected over 100 books for Abrams Elementary School! That is fantastic. Thank you all for your generosity. We truly have a great group of ladies, and Amanda and I are proud to be a part of such a giving organization. Not only do we have a good group of devoted philanthropist, but we have a fun-loving group too!

Our February Look at Books Function featured two authors, Joan Cameron-Mitchell and Leslie Burgstrom, who had delightful stories to share with our club. We also heard some interesting Colorado Springs information that we will be using in our March Jeopardy Trivia game. We'll have some great prizes...so you might want to brush up on your local trivia. We hope to see you all at Casino Night and our March Jeopardy Function!

Sincerely,
Rose and Amanda



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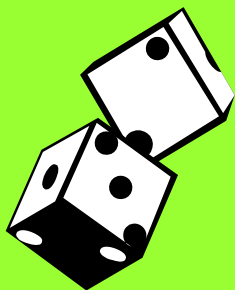
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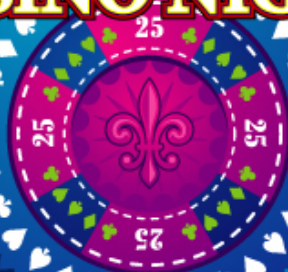
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Babysitting and Services Corner

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*Collete Davis, age 12 (mother, Susan)...4 St. Lo Drive...559-5021

*Molly Sawyer, age 20 (mother, Maggie)...9459 Summer Meadows Dr...559-8514
...has car, available after school (2pm)

*Erin Sawyer, age 18 (mother, Maggie)...9459 Summer Meadows Dr....559-8514
...has car, available evenings

*Monica Lobner, age 14 (mother, Bonnie)...4220 Danceglen Dr...540-2734

*Sam Fritts, age 15 (mother, Karen)...7908C Bayonet Cir...559-8910...after school/wkends,
prefers potty-trained children

*Kathryn Fritts, age 12 (mother, Karen)...7908C Bayonet Cir...559-8910...after school/wkends
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Lawn Services

Erick Murphy (mother, Carina)...610 Fernglen Ct (Broadmoor Glen area)...226-0762

We Create Community

Spring Break

AT THE POOLS

PUBLIC SWIMMING

Noon-5:30 p.m.

Our LEARN-TO-SWIM is designed to cover skills in a logical progression for optimal development. Spring Break lessons go March 16-30 from 10:00 to 11:40 a.m. at both the APC and CCRC. Cost is \$17.50/person.

LIFEGUARD TRAINING is aimed to teach all the skills in becoming a professional lifeguard. This certification class will be March 16-30 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at CCRC. Cost is \$90.00/person. *Prerequisite: Students must be 15 years old by the last day of class.*

JUNIOR LIFEGUARD gives kids 11-14 a jump start in accident prevention, fitness, emergency response techniques, basic leadership practices and the responsibilities of a professional lifeguard. Program is scheduled for March 16-30 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the APC. Cost is \$75.00/person (includes books and materials).

Aquatic and Fitness Center (APC)
180 S. Union Blvd. • 555-5954

Cottonwood Creek Recreation Center (CCRC)
3920 Dublin Blvd. • 555-6508

AT THE COMMUNITY CENTERS

Participants should bring plenty of energy for a non-stop good time. Arts and crafts, games and activities, plus field trips are all scheduled.

TOUR DE SPRINGS

For ages 6-11
Meadows Park • 1943 S. El Paso • 555-7940

SPRING B-E-A-K OUT WEEK

For ages 6-12
Hillside Community Center • 925 S. Institute • 555-7900

TEEN SPRING

For ages 11-18
Hillside Community Center • 925 S. Institute • 555-7900

SPRING BREAK DAY CAMP

For 1st-5th grades
Deerfield Hills • 4290 Deerfield Hills Rd. • 555-5995

DON'T FORGET

Last day to register for TACKLE FOOTBALL is March 9.
Sports Office • 1315 E. Pikes Peak Ave. • 555-5981

Don't miss the special Spring Break PUBLIC SKATE sessions.
Berthel Ice Center • 1705 E. Pikes Peak Ave. • 555-5983

Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you!



February Birthdays...

- 2 Elfriede Johnson
and Marichu Scott
- 11 Julie McRee and
Anna Sherman
- 17 Carolyn Healy
- 22 Donna Huse



Join A Club...

Bowling: Kate Beckage 559-7470

Book Club: Lynn Engen 576-2602

Dessert of the Month: Amanda Waterman 382-4604

Quilting Club: Maridee Hargis 559-9442 or
Lisa Doyle 559-7494

Bunco: Maggie Sawyer 559-8514

Hiking Club: Barbara Knorr 527-0240

Scrapbooking Club: Audrey Wise 573-2157

Golf Club: Roz Johnson 391-7665



Hey you! Yes....you. Are you looking for a way to stay busy? Are you looking for a way to give back to the community? Are you just looking to have a good time? Then **we want you** to fill a position on the 2007-2008 Fort Carson Officers' Spouses Club. Positions include: President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Membership, Scholarship, Ways and Means, Welfare, Treasurer, Secretary, Historian, Hospitality, Publicity/Advertising, Reservations, Columbine Editor, Parliamentarian, and Property Custodian. If interested, please contact the Parliamentarian (Amy Howard, 559-9100, howardx3@aol.com) and give her your name, a good contact phone number and the position in which you are interested. The haggard look on this year's board members has nothing to do with FCOSC.....really. ☺



THIS MONTH'S RAVIN' RESTAURANT REVIEW



Dragon King

6867 Mesa Ridge Pkwy
Fountain, CO
(719) 382-3023

In all fairness, I'm featuring a restaurant in Fountain this month. This place has a really nice atmosphere, friendly service, and delicious chinese food. Give it a try!

It is Welfare Application time again. Welfare applications can be obtained by contacting Elaine Sampson at 886-4361 or sampsonem@yahoo.com. All applications must be post marked by April 1, 2007. The distribution will be in mid-April. Remember all funds distributed are raised by the FCOSC, so happy gambling at Casino Night.

A SHOW OF HANDS

Sign Language for Wee Ones



Using signs with young children.....

- *Enhances spoken communication and reduces frustration and aggressive behavior
- *Enriches a child's environment and contributes to brain development

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The merit based scholarships are available for high school seniors, dependent children continuing education and military spouses continuing education. Applicants may only apply for one scholarship per year.

Applications are available on-line at www.carson.army.mil/OSC or in hard copy at the Grant Library and Family Connection Center and must be **RECEIVED** by March 31, 2007. Awards will be published in May.

Good Luck!

Catherine Vuono

FCOSC Scholarship Chairperson

Important Membership Information:

****Members who join from January through the end of the year only pay \$15 in dues.**

FYI! You can rent a bunny suit or silver serving trays, tea sets, and other service from the OSC.

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2006-2007 Events

- Wed, 18Oct, 12 to 2pm – Oktoberfest
- Wed, 15Nov, 6 to 8*pm – Fajita Fiesta
Penrose House, Turkey Creek
- Mon, 4Dec – Santa's Workshop Ribbon
Cutting
- 4Dec to 8Dec – Santa's Workshop
- Sun, 10Dec, 2 to 5pm – Holiday Spectacular
Tour of Homes
- Wed, 17Jan, 6 to 8:30pm – Polish Pottery
Bingo
- Wed, 21Feb, 12 to 2pm – Bring on the Books:
Book Exchange and Children's Book Drive
- Sat, 17Mar – Casino Night
- Wed, 21Mar, 6 to 8*pm– This is Jeopardy..
Local Trivia at the Elkhorn
- Wed, 18Apr, 12 to 2pm – How Does Your
Garden Grow? Planting Tips for Our Climate
- Wed, 16May, 6 to 8*pm – Wine Tasting and
Installation at Taste of CO Wine Shop,
Manitou Springs

*Note time correction...evening events
are intended to end at 8pm, not 9pm.

Reservation Policy

- *Reservations (and food choices) for FCOSC events must be made in advance. Please note the RSVP date in your copy of the Columbine.
- *At each event, the reservations coordinator will greet you at the entrance where you will pick up your nametag and pay by check or cash. Sorry, no credit cards on site.
- *Those who wish to hold permanent reservations may do so by providing their credit card information. If you choose to utilize this convenience and are unable to make an event, please call to cancel as soon as possible.
- *Cancellations will be taken anytime after the RSVP date. Cancellations inside a 48-hour window will warrant a charge for the event.

Childcare Policy

The childcare policy has changed since the 2005-2006 year. Last year childcare was donated to FCOSC due to the large number of deployed soldiers. That has since changed. You are now responsible for your own childcare expenses.

- *Childcare for morning events is available at the southwest hourly care center; your child must be registered through central registration to use this facility.
- *Reservations for childcare may be made up to two weeks in advance for daytime functions by calling 526-2463.
- * Evening childcare will be the responsibility of participating spouses. For a list of certified childcare providers, call central registration at 526-1101.
- * Child and Youth Services only allows 20 hours worth of childcare per week. If you have exceeded this allowance, they will not make your child's reservation.

2006-2007 Board Members

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be featured in our next
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